

The Gas Line

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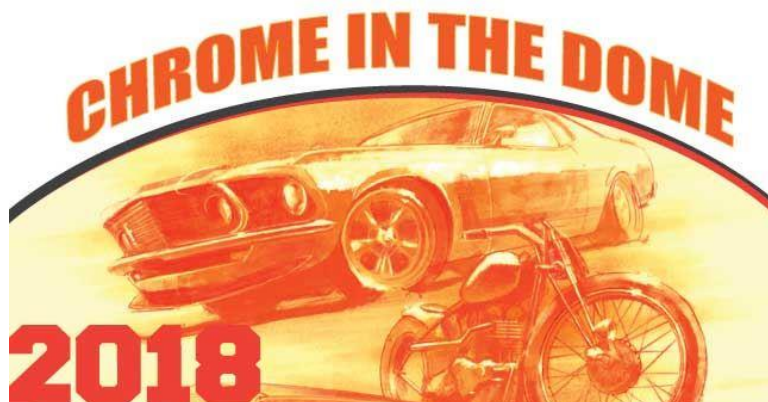
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Chrome in the Dome – March 16-17



The Eastern Idaho VMCCA chapter will have four cars in the show. Come see the great cars, trucks and motorcycles on display. We'll meet at Elmer's Restaurant, 851 S 5th Ave in Pocatello at 9 a.m. for breakfast.

President's Corner

Late February is letting us know that winter isn't quite over yet. But with Chrome in the Dome coming March 16 & 17 spring has got to be close. April 16 & 17 is our overnighter tour to Lava Hot Springs. We are looking forward to a good outing. Plans for the Glidden Revival tour are moving along. Please consider adding it to your tour plan for September! Your help and/or car would be greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and warm!

Bob

CHAPTER EVENTS

- Mar:** Chrome in the Dome.
Yale (208) 523-9274
- Apr:** Lava Hot Springs Tour.
Bob & Celine (208) 520-7501
- May:** Market Lake Cleanup.
Mark & Diane (208) 552-2358
- May:** Garage Tour
- May:** Memorial Day at MRR.
Gary & Dawn (208) 523-6384
- Jun:** Swap Meet and Car Show.
Larry & Clyde (208) 680-5005
- Jul:** Virginia City Overnight Tour
- Aug:** Bone for a Burger
- Sep:** Market Lake Cleanup.
Mark & Diane (208) 552-2358
- Sep:** Glidden Tour
- Oct:** Sun Valley Jazz Festival.
Rich & Joy (208) 529-9450
- Nov:** Harvest Daze Membership Drive.
Joy & Judyth
- Dec:** Christmas Party

MEETING TREATS

- Feb:** All
- Mar:** Bud & Janet
- Apr:** Mark & Diane
- May:**
- Jun:**
- Jul:** Ken & Carol
- Aug:**
- Sep:** Rich & Joy
- Oct:**
- Nov:**
- Dec:** Christmas Party

‘Dillinger,’ a 1941 Buick Sedanette, takes Custom d’Elegance honors at Sacramento Autorama (reprinted from Hemmings.com)

John Dillinger, gunned down in July 1934 by Melvin Purvis and his FBI colleagues, probably wouldn’t have won any beauty contests. A custom 1941 Buick sedanette named for the notorious gangster, on the other hand, just scored a pair of automotive equivalents, taking home both the Custom d’Elegance Award and the World’s Most Beautiful Custom Award, presented February 18 at the 68th-annual Sacramento Autorama in Sacramento, California.



Built by Lucky 7 Customs in Antioch, California, and owned by Clifford Mattis, Dillinger wears a chopped and channeled prewar Buick body, though power comes from a small block Chevy V-8 (wearing, oddly enough, vintage Oldsmobile valve covers) instead of the original Buick Fireball 8 straight-eight. Sunday wasn’t Dillinger’s first time in the spotlight, either; at last month’s Grand National Roadster Show, Mattis’ Buick took home the 2018 Steve’s Auto Restorations Award.

In a show that featured more than 900 vehicles on display — including bikes, boats, muscle cars, hot rods, customs, and trucks — Dillinger

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‘Dillinger’ (cont.)

beat out five other finalists to earn the Custom d’Elegance Award, presented to the best hand-built custom from 1935-’48 that “embodies the spirit of a true classic custom.” Previous notable builders who’ve taken top honors include Gene Winfield, George Barris, Joe “Candy Apple Red” Bailon, and John D’Agostino.



The World’s Most Beautiful Custom Award, also presented to Dillinger, is given annually to the judges’ favorite custom — from 1936 to present day — that “incorporates a silhouette change including chop, channel, or section.” Created to honor the founder of Autorama, H.A. Bagdasarian, the 8-foot-tall trophy is a “perpetual award,” meaning that winner Mattis will have his name enshrined alongside past recipients.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1: Chapter Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Mar 16-17: Chrome in the Dome, Holt Arena, Pocatello, ID. Yale Harker (208) 523-9274

Apr 22-27: 2018 Lewis and Clark Regional Tour: St. Louis to Kansas City, MO. Ken Gunderson, Mike Werckle, Steve Partman, cabindoc@gmail.com

Jun 3-8: Heritage Tour, Westport, MA. Jane Ash (508) 995-0536, jane@studegarage.com

Jun 17-21: 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Archibald, OH. Clem and Nancy Campbell (734) 552-3771, ngc1908@comcast.net

Jun 24-29: Chrome Glidden Tour, Perrysburg, OH. John Beddoes (734) 856-3690, jbeddoes@aol.com

Aug 12-17: Convertible Tour, Hayward, WI. Ken Cvikota, ken@cvikota.com

Sep 16-21: 73rd Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Twin Falls, ID. Merrill Maxfield, (801) 576-0071, eldermaxfield@comcast.net

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Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Eastern Idaho Vintage Motor Car Club of America (EIVMCCA) is now officially fifty-five years old this month. Ten years ago, the Gas Line had an article on the formation of the club, starting out as the Snake River Vintage Auto Club. The club celebrated with the March meeting at the 5 and Diner (now Dixie's Diner) in Idaho Falls.

I thought it would be interesting to remember the words of Joe Keller on the formation of our old car club.

Joe Keller – The Gas Line – March 2008

The Antique Automobile Club of America was founded September 1935, the Horseless Carriage Club November 1937, the Veteran Motor Car Club of America December 1938, and the Snake River Vintage Auto Club March 2, 1963. The beginning of each of these is based on a similar story: a small group of people interested in joining forces to help preserve, promote, and enjoy antique automobiles.

The Snake River Vintage Auto Club began with a meeting in Blackfoot ID in thoughts that a valley wide approach would gather together a critical mass of enthusiasts to sustain a club. Paul Bragg, a manager at KUPI radio, advertised the first meeting, and became the first president. Larry Pratt, also of Idaho Falls became the first Vice-President.

Prior to the club formation, there were a number of enthusiasts in the Snake River Valley pursuing the hobby individually and joining together in small groups. John Dawdy, a charter member was driving a 1949 Ford as a daily driver while waiting to have his 1929 REO Flying Cloud transferred from Yakima, WA. Joe Keller, another charter member was driving a 1928 Model A Ford as his high school car and was working with his brothers on restoring a 1929 Buick Roadster. Richard Eagle was driving a 1930 Model A and attended the second club meeting. Richard Bingham was beginning the restoration of a Model T. Steve Bemount was driving a Model A and he is now the president of his car club in Alberta, Canada. Gary Schwartzenberger was driving and is still driving his 1930 Model A. The Derbidges of Pocatello had a number of autos that participated in the early years. Lynn Erickson had his 1929 Model A Special Coupe as well as a 1940 Plymouth Sedan as his daily driver.

I can remember well the room we met at the first meeting. Attendance was very good. The thought that I would be writing down this occasion 45 years later never crossed my mind. My thoughts were full of visions of restored antique autos. They still are and that is what drives this club onward.